

O'CONNOR – PATENT APPLICATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A covering system is designed as an elongated strip of covering material having an outer layer, a barrier layer laminated thereto and an integral moldable layer secured to the barrier layer for mounting on the surface of boards, such as deck planks. In a preferred embodiment, the method of application includes securing the strips to the length of the boards by unrolling a portion of the strip and securing the strip to the surface of a board solely by a layer of a pressure sensitive adhesive carried by the strip. The moldable material is applied in an amount of about at least 185 grams per square meter. A removable release sheet covers the adhesive surface of the moldable material. The release sheet can include a positioning mechanism and indicia such as the direction of the pile and measuring guides. The moldable layer provides sufficient adhesion across the width of the strip for both initial application and sufficient thickness for subsequently molding to the board surface for long term adhesion. The barrier layer is impermeable and provides protection against dermal contact with the surface of treated lumber.